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SUBJECT: PATTERSON KIDNAPPING; PRESS GUIDANCE

REF: CARTER-TORREY TELECON 3/24

SUGGESTED TEXT FOLLOWS:

1. "IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW AND CUSTOM, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT LOOKS TO THE HOST GOVERNMENT FOR THE PROTECTION AND WELFARE OF ITS DIPLOMATIC AND OTHER OFFICIAL PERSONNEL ABROAD. IN SITUATIONS LIKE THIS, THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT ACCEDE TO RANSOM DEMANDS OF KIDNAPPERS OR TERRORISTS IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT TO DO SO HEIGHTENS THE RISK OF THE THOUSANDS OF OTHER U.S. CITIZENS SERVING OVERSEAS."

2. "AS SOON AS THE BASIC FACTS CONCERNING THE ABDUCTION OF MR. PATTERSON WERE ESTABLISHED, THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO WAS NOTIFIED AND HAS BEEN COMPLETELY COOPERATIVE IN ASSURING US THAT IT WILL DO EVERYTHING APPROPRIATELY POSSIBLE TO BRING ABOUT THE SAFE RELEASE OF MR. PATTERSON."

3. "UNDERSTANDING THE ANGUISH SUFFERED BY THE RELATIVES OF THE KIDNAPPED VICTIM AND PLACING GREAT VALUE ON THE SECURITY AND SAFETY OF THE HOSTAGE, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE U.S. EMBASSY IN MEXICO CITY HAVE MAINTAINED CLOSE CONTACT WITH MRS. PATTERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO FROM THE MOMENT THAT NEWS ABOUT THE KIDNAPPING WAS
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RECEIVED. SINCE THEN THEY HAVE BEEN CONTINUOUSLY PROVIDED WITH

INFORMATION WHICH WOULD AID DECISIONS AND ACTIONS BY THE FAMILY
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE IN
RESPONSE TO THE DEMANDS OF THE ABDUCTORS."

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